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Viewing cable 08PARIS1291, FRANCE SUPPORTS ADDITIONAL MEASURES ON IRISL CARGO

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08PARIS1291	2008-07-09 12:00	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Paris

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SUBJECT: FRANCE SUPPORTS ADDITIONAL MEASURES ON IRISL CARGO INSPECTIONS

REF: SECSTATE 69339

Classified By: ECONOMIC MINISTER COUNSELOR SETH WINNICK FOR REASONS 1.4
(B) AND (D)

¶1. (S) Econoff delivered reftel demarche and non-paper July 7 to Martin Briens, Office Director for Disarmament and Nuclear Nonproliferation at the MFA. Briens was highly supportive of the U.S. approach, noting that France had been behind the original listing of the two Iranian companies in UNSCR 1803, and had supplied a good deal of information on suspect shipments to third countries as well. The U.S. non-paper was "useful" in that it complemented what France already knew. Briens also noted that discussions were underway within the EU to strengthen controls over these two companies in the context of transposition into EU law of UNSCR 1803. France would have preferred an outright ban on these companies, but this was unacceptable to its EU partners. Further details on the measures France is proposing to reinforce UNSCR 1803 will be reported septel.

¶2. (S) France's draft common position would require mandatory declarations by port authorities of the arrival or departure of any Iran Air plane or IRISL vessel, and the contents of their cargo. Member states would not be obliged to search the cargo absent reasonable grounds as required by UNSCR 1803, but France also wanted to see a provision for random inspection included. Briens said that of the major EU shippers concerned, Denmark was highly supportive of the approach, but Cyprus, Malta and to a lesser extent Greece were not. It was important to reach out to all of the latter three countries to sensitize them to the dangers involved. Briens said he would circulate the non-paper to Customs, Finance, and other concerned agencies within the GOF.

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